

## DOI-FWS-2021-002356 request Details

Due Date: 03/10/2021 Clock Days: 7

## Requester Information

<b>Requester</b>	Michael Biesecker	<b>Tracking Number</b>	DOI-FWS-2021-002356
<b>Organization</b>	Associated Press	<b>Submitted Date</b>	02/09/2021
<b>Requester Has Account</b>	Yes	<b>Received Date</b>	02/09/2021
<b>Email Address</b>	mbiesecker@a p.org	<b>Perfected Date</b>	02/09/2021
<b>Phone Number</b>	202-641-9445	<b>Last Assigned Date</b>	02/10/2021
<b>Fax Number</b>		<b>Assigned To</b>	Shaunta Nichols (United States Fish and Wildlife Service)
<b>Address</b>	The Associated Press 1110 13th St NW, 5th floor	<b>Last Assigned By</b>	Barbara Beckett (United States Fish and Wildlife Service)
<b>City</b>	Washington	<b>Request Track</b>	Expedited
<b>State/Province</b>	DC	<b>Fee Limit</b>	\$200.00
<b>Zip Code/Postal Code</b>	20005		

## Closure Information

<b>Closed Date</b>	02/19/2021	<b>Exemptions Used</b>
<b>Disposition</b>	Partial Grant/Partial Denial	<b>Statutes Used</b>
<b>"Other" Disposition</b>		<b>Subtypes Used</b>

## Request Handling

<b>Requester Info Available to the Public</b>	Yes	<b>Request Type</b>	FOIA
<b>Request Track</b>	Expedited	<b>Request Perfected</b>	Yes
<b>Fee Category</b>	Other	<b>Perfected Date</b>	02/09/2021
<b>Fee Waiver Requested</b>	Yes	<b>Acknowledgement Sent Date</b>	
<b>Fee Waiver Status</b>	Full Grant	<b>Unusual Circumstances</b>	No
<b>Expedited Processing Requested</b>	Yes	<b>Litigation</b>	No
<b>Expedited Processing Status</b>	Grant	<b>Court Docket Number</b>	
		<b>5 Day Notifications?</b>	No

# Description

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**Long Description**

The Associated Press requests a copy of the FWS import permit application submitted by Donald Trump Jr. to import the head and hide of a a rare argali sheep he shot and killed in Mongolia in August 2019. Please also provide any resulting FWS permit issued, as well as any associated correspondence related to Trump's permit application.

**Has Description Been Modified**

No

**Description Available to the Public**

Yes

**Short Description**

## Additional Information

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Relevant park or refuge or site or other location <sup>IA</sup>

## Attached Supporting Files

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**Attachments Available to the Public?**

No

**Attached File Name****Size (MB)****File Type**

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No supporting files have been uploaded.

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# Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

# Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

# Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
FOIA Expedited Processing Disposition Reached for DOI-FWS-2021-002356	System	Michael Biesecker	02/19/2021

Your request for Expedited Processing for the FOIA request DOI-FWS-2021-002356 has been granted. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Request Created on: 02/09/2021
- Request Description: The Associated Press requests a copy of the FWS import permit application submitted by Donald Trump Jr. to import the head and hide of a rare argali sheep he shot and killed in Mongolia in August 2019. Please also provide any resulting FWS permit issued, as well as any associated correspondence related to Trump's permit application.
- Expedited Processing Original Justification: Trump's hunting trip to Mongolia has been widely reported about in by the media and cost U.S. taxpayers at least \$76,000 through expenses incurred by the U.S. Secret Service, agents of which traveled to Asia with the president's son. The Associated Press, the world's largest news-gathering organization with more than 1 billion readers, listeners and viewers. Whether an "urgency to inform" exists depends on several factors: (1) whether the information relates to a currently unfolding story; (2) whether delaying release of the information harms the public interest; and (3) whether the request concerns federal governmental activity (see *Al-Fayed v. CIA*, 245 F.3d 300 (D.C. Cir. 2001)). In addition, "the credibility of a requester" is also a relevant consideration. The Associated Press contends all three factors are present in this case.
- Expedited Processing Disposition Reason: N/A

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DOI-FWS-2021-002356 has been processed with the following final disposition: Partial Grant/Partial Denial.

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FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-FWS-2021-002356

System

Michael  
Biesecker

02/19/2021

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Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOI-FWS-2021-002356 has been fully granted. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Request Created on: 02/09/2021
- Request Description: The Associated Press requests a copy of the FWS import permit application submitted by Donald Trump Jr. to import the head and hide of a rare argali sheep he shot and killed in Mongolia in August 2019. Please also provide any resulting FWS permit issued, as well as any associated correspondence related to Trump's permit application.
- Fee Waiver Original Justification: I certify that I am a full-time employee for The Associated Press, the world's largest news-gathering organization with more than 1 billion readers, listeners and viewers. As I am making this request on behalf of the AP for use in reporting the news, no fees may be assessed for searching or reviewing documents sought by this request, and no duplication fees should be charged to the AP for the first 100 pages of material (see 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II)). AP hereby consents to pay duplication charges up to a total not to exceed \$250. Please notify me in advance before incurring any duplication charges in excess of this amount. As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.
- Fee Waiver Disposition Reason: N/A

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FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2021-002356 Submitted

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Michael  
Biesecker

02/09/2021

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This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

- Tracking Number: DOI-FWS-2021-002356
  - Requester Name: Michael Biesecker
  - Date Submitted: 02/09/2021
  - Request Status: Submitted
  - Description: The Associated Press requests a copy of the FWS import permit application submitted by Donald Trump Jr. to import the head and hide of a rare argali sheep he shot and killed in Mongolia in August 2019. Please also provide any resulting FWS permit issued, as well as any associated correspondence related to Trump's permit application.
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## Other Correspondence

Attached File	File Type	Size (MB)
No correspondence has been created.		

## Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total	\$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester	N/A
Estimate Required for Payment	N/A

## Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date	Amount
No	DOI-FWS-2021-002356 Invoice-20210219090951813.pdf	02/19/2021	\$0.00

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester	\$0.00
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## Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	\$0.00
			Total Amount Owed	\$0.00
No payments have been added.				

# Case Responsive Records

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**Publish Options:**

**UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable**

**RU - Redacted - Unreleasable**

**UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the  
General Public**

**RR - Redacted - Releasable to the General  
Public**

**REQ - Release to Requester Only**

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
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No records have been uploaded.

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## Restricted Materials

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Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
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No restricted materials have been added.

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# Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
02/19/2021	Shaunta Nichols	Search	1.00	69.00	No	69.00
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Charge Description		Fee Wavier				

**Fee Category:** Other

**Total:** \$0.00

**Invoice Amount:** \$0.00

## Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Grant	Expedited Processing	Shaunta Nichols	Barbara Beckett	02/09/2021	02/19/2021	2021-02-19T05:00:00.000Z	No	
<p><b>Requester Justification</b> Trump's hunting trip to Mongolia has been widely reported about in by the media and cost U.S. taxpayers at least \$76,000 through expenses incurred by the U.S. Secret Service, agents of which traveled to Asia with the president's son. The Associated Press, the world's largest news-gathering organization with more than 1 billion readers, listeners and viewers. Whether an "urgency to inform" exists depends on several factors: (1) whether the information relates to a currently unfolding story; (2) whether delaying release of the information harms the public interest; and (3) whether the request concerns federal governmental activity (see <i>Al-Fayed v. CIA</i>, 245 F.3d 300 (D.C. Cir. 2001)). In addition, "the credibility of a requester" is also a relevant consideration. The Associated Press contends all three factors are present in this case.</p>								
Full Grant	Fee Waiver	Shaunta Nichols	Barbara Beckett	02/09/2021	02/09/2021	2021-02-19T05:00:00.000Z	No	
<p><b>Requester Justification</b> I certify that I am a full-time employee for The Associated Press, the world's largest news-gathering organization with more than 1 billion readers, listeners and viewers. As I am making this request on behalf of the AP for use in reporting the news, no fees may be assessed for searching or reviewing documents sought by this request, and no duplication fees should be charged to the AP for the first 100 pages of material (see 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II)). AP hereby consents to pay duplication charges up to a total not to exceed \$250. Please notify me in advance before incurring any duplication charges in excess of this amount. As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.</p>								
Completed	Final Disposition Notice	Shaunta Nichols	Shaunta Nichols	02/19/2021	02/19/2021	2021-02-19T05:00:00.000Z	No	
<p><b>Comments</b> N/A</p>								



# Existing Comments (0)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
No comments have been added.		

# Assigned Reviewers

Review Order	Review Outcome	Assigned Reviewer	Review Date
No reviewers have been assigned.			